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1. YOU MAY TELL GUNES WE APPRECIATE HIS DESIRE TO CONSULT US REGARDING ANTICIPATED PRESSURES FOR NONALIGNED NATIONS CALLING FOR A "NONALIGNED AND DEMILITARIZED" CYPRUS.

2. YOU MAY TELL HIM WE WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS. AT THE SAME TIME WE BELIEVE THAT THE TYPE AND LEVEL OF MILITARY FORCES ON CYPRUS SHOULD BE ULTIMATELY DETERMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHATEVER AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED BY THE PARTIES ON THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ISLAND. IT FOLLOWS THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY EFFORT TO IMPOSE FROM THE OUTSIDE NONALIGNMENT AND DEMILITARIZATION ON CYPRUS AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE RIGHTS

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OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED. SUCH A MOVE, AS WELL,

WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE U.K. SOVEREIGN BASES WHICH
WE BELIEVE HAVE IMPORTANT STRATEGIC BENEFITS FOR NATO'S
DEFENSE POSTURE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF GREECE'S POSTURE IN NATO,
YOU SHOULD TAKE THE LINE WE STILL HOPE THAT GREECE WILL NOT
WITHDRAW FULLY FROM NATO'S MILITARY STRUCTURE. WE ALSO
TRUST THAT TURKEY AGREES WITH US THAT GREECE'S FULL

PARTICIPATION IN NATO IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF US.
WE ASSUME THAT THE BEST APPROACH TO THE FUTURE OF GREECE'S
ROLE IN NATO WOULD BE THROUGH EVENTUAL MULTILATERAL
DISCUSSION WITHIN NATO. KISSINGER

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